



2017 Wisconsin Budget Address Higher Education Fact Sheet

“- making college even more affordable –“

- The UW System 5% Tuition Cut will save the average resident undergraduate \$360 a year. (Budget in Brief)
 - The average resident undergraduate savings due to the freeze and the cut in for years in 2018-19 is estimated at \$9,068 compared to the four-year trend prior to the tuition freeze. (Budget in Brief)
- The Wisconsin Technical College System Tuition Freeze will save the typical student \$279 over the next two years. (Budget in Brief)
- Technical College System District Boards will be allowed to offer rates below the rates set by the Technical College Board. (Budget in Brief)
- The Governor’s budget will invest over \$10 million more in Wisconsin Grants, increasing need-based financial aid offered by the state to its highest level ever. (Budget in Brief)
 - These funds support students at the UW System, Wisconsin Technical College System, and Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (Budget in Brief)

“This budget freezes tuition for technical college students.”

- For those who spend two years at technical colleges, this freeze will save \$279. (Budget In Brief)

“At the same time, we increase support for technical colleges and improve the performance system.”

- The budget increases state funding for the Technical Colleges by \$10 million to offset the impact of the tuition freeze. (Budget In Brief)
- The budget provides \$5 million in Fast Forward Funding available through the Department of Workforce development to allow technical colleges to partner with local businesses to help fill high-demand fields. (Budget In Brief)
- The Governor’s budget will amend the technical college performance-based funding formula to create weighted-scale categories: affordability and attainment, workforce readiness, student success in the workforce and efficiency. (Budget In Brief)

“To help improve student success, the UW System will receive \$100 million in this state budget.”

- New state spending for the UW System (not including the \$35 million increase in GPR to offset the impact of the tuition cut), is \$105 million. (Budget in Brief)

“Working with the UW Board of Regents, we are building a performance-based system for new funds. This will include criteria like the number of graduates, length of time to graduate, how many graduates are employed and how many are in high demand areas within the state.”



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- The Governor's budget will provide \$42.5 million for performance funding. (Source: Budget in Brief)
 - The budget will require the Board of Regents to distribute funding among institutions based on their performance on rankings that relate to improving affordability and attainability, enhancing work readiness, ensuring student success in the workforce, administrative efficiency, service, and two additional criteria to be specified by the Board of Regents.
 - The performance funding plan, to be created by the Board of Regents, must be submitted to the Secretary of Administration by January 2018 and does not go into effect until approved by the Secretary of Administration.

"We also include a system to reward professors who spend more time teaching."

(Budget in Brief)

- The Governor's budget will require the creation of a faculty workload policy will ensure that professors' time is accounted for.
- The Governor's budget will require the reporting of faculty course loads to increase transparency.
- The workload policy will reward faculty that spend more time teaching
- Institutional performance funding will reward institutions whose professors spend more time teaching.

"This will reverse a nationwide trend where professor time in the undergraduate classroom is down while tuition has gone up - about four times the rate of inflation since 1978."

- "Walker said since 1978, college "tuition nationwide has gone up something like four times the rate of inflation." Average tuition prices from the National Center for Education Statistics and inflation rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics back up his point. We rate the claim True." (Sarah Hauer, "Scott Walker Says College Tuition Has Risen At Four Times The Rate Of Inflation," Politifact, 6/9/2016)

"Our budget also includes the largest investment in history for need-based financial assistance for students at colleges and universities all across the state."

- In addition, targeted needs-based aid will be increased within the Wisconsin Grant program by \$10 million over the biennium. This will increase these needs-based grants to the highest ever levels in state history. (Budget in Brief)

"I am also proud to announce that our budget reduces tuition for undergraduates from Wisconsin by 5% at all UW campuses."

(Budget in Brief)

"During the decade before our freeze, tuition went up 118%. If that trend had continued, a typical UW student would be paying \$6,300 more over the past four years."



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TABLE 3

Actual UW Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates and Potential UW Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates If Tuition Had Increased by the Annualized Rate of Change in UW Resident Undergraduate Tuition from 2002-03 to 2012-13

	Actual					If Tuition Had Been Increased by the Annualized Percent Change for the Period from 2002-03 to 2012-13					Difference
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*	Total	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total	
Madison	\$9,273	\$9,273	\$9,273	\$9,273	\$37,092	\$10,124	\$11,053	\$12,067	\$13,175	\$46,419	\$9,327
Milwaukee	8,091	8,091	8,091	8,091	32,364	8,741	9,442	10,200	11,019	39,402	7,038
Comprehensives	6,723	6,723	6,723	6,723	26,892	7,278	7,879	8,530	9,234	32,921	6,029
UW Colleges	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	19,000	5,026	5,318	5,627	5,954	21,926	2,926
Weighted Average**	\$7,144	\$7,144	\$7,144	\$7,144	\$28,576	\$7,726	\$8,355	\$9,035	\$9,771	\$34,887	\$6,311

*Excludes a differential tuition at UW-Stevens Point that was approved by the Board of Regents in December, 2015. In 2016-17, freshmen and sophomores at UW-Stevens Point will be charged an additional \$400 annually and juniors will be charged an additional \$200 annually.

**Based on resident undergraduate headcount enrollment in 2012-13.

TABLE 4

Actual UW Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates and Potential UW Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates If Tuition Had Increased by the Annualized Rate of Change in UW Resident Undergraduate Tuition from 2008-09 to 2012-13

	Actual					If Tuition Had Been Increased by the Annualized Percent Change for the Period from 2008-09 to 2012-13					Difference
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*	Total	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total	
Madison	\$9,273	\$9,273	\$9,273	\$9,273	\$37,092	\$10,066	\$10,927	\$11,862	\$12,876	\$45,732	\$8,640
Milwaukee	8,091	8,091	8,091	8,091	32,364	8,536	9,006	9,501	10,024	37,066	4,702
Comprehensives	6,723	6,723	6,723	6,723	26,892	7,152	7,609	8,095	8,613	31,470	4,578
UW Colleges	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	19,000	4,879	5,011	5,147	5,286	20,323	1,323
Weighted Average**	\$7,144	\$7,144	\$7,144	\$7,144	\$28,576	\$7,588	\$8,059	\$8,560	\$9,091	\$33,299	\$4,723

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(Legislative Fiscal Bureau, "Memorandum To Senator Scott Fitzgerald," 1/5/2016)

"We froze tuition four years in a row" (Legislative Fiscal Bureau, "Memorandum To Senator Scott Fitzgerald," 1/5/2016)

"To cover the reduction in tuition, we specifically put \$35 million more into the UW System."

- A 1% reduction in resident undergraduate tuition has a \$7 million fiscal impact on the UW System "...increasing base tuition for state-supported resident undergraduate students by 1% and increasing tuition for other students by the same dollar amount would generate an additional \$7.0 million in tuition revenues." ("UW Tuition," [Legislative Fiscal Bureau Informational Paper](#), 01/2017)
- The new state funding for UW, excluding the \$35 million increase in GPR to offset the impact of the tuition cut, is \$105.2 million. (Budget in Brief)



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To be clear, that's on top of the more than \$100 million in new state funding we are putting into the UW system.

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